Growth rate of industrial production

*146. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual growth rate of industrial production is expected to increase in the current year as compared to the last three years;

(b) if so, the actual growth-rate during the last three years and the estimated growth rate for the year 2005-06;

(c) whether Government have also identified those industries in which growth rate is either increasing or decreasing, as compared to the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The annual growth of industrial production, in terms of GDP (at constant 1999-2000 prices) originating from mining & quarrying, manufacturing, electricity, gas & water supply, and construction for the current year 2005-06 stands at 9% as per the Advance Estimate of the Central Statistical Organisation, compared to 8.6% in 2004-05, 7.6% in 2003-04 and 7% in 2002-03.

(c) and (d) The industries whose growth rates increased during the period 2002-03 to 2004-05 are Beverages & Tobacco products, Cotton textiles, Jute products, Textile products, Machinery & equipment other Manufacturing industries, Chemicals, Leather & its products, and Metal products & parts. Also, electricity showed a marginal increase.

The industries currently showing a decreasing growth rate are Food products, Wool, Silk & man-made fibres, Wood & its products, Paper and its products, Rubber, Plastic, Petroleum & coal products, Non-metallic mineral products, Basic metals & alloy and Transport equipment & parts. Mining also registered a decline.

Pak citizens living in India

†*147. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of Pak citizens are staying illegally in the country for the last five years; and

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(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Haryana has sent any information in this regard to the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, 7,134 Pak citizens were staying illegally in the country as on 30.11.2005.

(b) Government of Haryana has sent information in respect of 8 illegally staying Pak nationals who are undergoing trial under various Acts.

Promotion of Textile Industry in North Eastern States

†*148. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traditional apparels are being prepared in almost every household in the North Eastern States like a cottage industry;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to set up an institute like National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) to promote textile industry there;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Madam. It is a fact that almost every household in the North Eastern States have operational backstrack looms and frame looms to meet their domestic requirements. The traditional apparel of the region are mainly drapes basic unstructured jackets.

(b) In view of the ongoing strengthening and consolidation exercise, the Board of NIFT has decided that it will not be desirable to set up any new NIFT centers at this stage.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As at (b) above.

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